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### Examining Board

The last conference created an Examining Board to whom all manuscript intended for tract, pamphlet or book, is to be submitted. The Board consists of three members, J. M. Tombaugh, W. C. Perry and J. A. Miller. A wiser choice could not have been made. The work of the Board is along three lines: (1) Literary merit. (2) Doctrinal soundness. (3) Utility. To become a permanent contribution to our literature the manuscript should possess a fair degree of literary merit. Above all things it must teach sound doctrine. And so long as there is no fund for the publication of such literature the question, "Will it pay" must not be disregarded.

### Ten Reasons Why

There are many reasons why every member of the Brethren church should subscribe for and read the BRETHREN EVANGELIST, but here are ten of the principal reasons:

1. *Because it is the official organ of the Brethren*

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church and each one should be loyal to his own church.

2. *Because* if the paper is to be strong and become a great power for good it must have your support.

3. *Because* experience shows that the circulation of the church paper is a fair index to the spiritual prosperity and growth of that church.

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6. *Because* a church paper in the home tends to make intelligent Christians. It keeps you in touch with all the interests of the church, its spiritual growth and the development of the Kingdom of God.

7. *Because* it is educational. It aims to instruct, enlighten its readers, and develop more perfectly all legitimate methods of church work.

8. *Because* you want it for your personal benefit. It furnishes the very best and safest reading matter for the home.

9. *Because* no Christian home is complete without a religious paper, and that one should first of all be your own church paper.

10. *Because*, finally, in these times of impure and sensational literature, every lover of purity and virtue should use his influence in behalf of a good, strong, pure literature, a literature that entertains and instructs, and at the same time counteracts the evil influence of the demoralizing reading matter scattered broadcast, and especially among the young. The press is a mighty power, either for good or evil, and it becomes every member of the Christian church to use all lawful means for the dissemination of a wholesome literature. The foundation for a pure, useful life is laid very early in the home, and part of that early training must be the cultivation of a taste for pure and wholesome reading.

## Personal Mention

Brother Noah Flora reports several accessions in his field of labor and the work prospering.

We rejoice with Brother Shaulis in the restoration of his sight, however it may have come to pass.

Brother Furry furnishes some interesting matter for the young people in his weekly communications.

Brother Haskins has shown himself a favorite, and also a sympathizing friend, among our soldier boys.

Brother Hixson has opened the campaign in the Kanemorado district, to which he will devote his time the coming year.

Brother A. B. Gnagey is now at New Athens, Ohio, University, attending school, from which place he graduates next June.

The article by Brother Gillin, "Christianity and Sociology," the long, should be read and re-read by every member of the church.

Brother B. C. Moomaw will give the readers of the EVANGELIST a series of "Bible Portraits," the first of which appears in this issue.

The short communication, "Go or Send," by Brother Talley is intended to accompany the study of that topic, Sabbath evening October 23.

Sabbath morning the editor was called to fill the appointment for the pastor of the Congregational church, Rev. Schoppe who took suddenly ill.

Sister Nora Early, student at the College spent Sabbath and Monday with one of her school friends and mates in the country. She reports a very pleasant visit.

Brother McFaden is busy at work in his field of labor. A new Sunday School organized at Hamlin, Kan., with Levi Wallace and Prof. Spangler as superintendents.

A good brother writes that "the EVANGELIST looks first rate. Lots of variety, some spice, and consider-

able religion." We trust the first two items are not inconsistent with the last one.

Sabbath evening we had the privilege of listening to a very able discourse by Rev. Smith, of the Lutheran church, this city. His subject was, "The Word of the Lord Endureth Forever."

Brother Darling, Pittsburg, Pa., on Saturday evening last went to North Georgetown, Ohio, where he preached over Sabbath, going to Louisville, Monday evening where he will preach each evening during the week.

Sisters Annie and Nancy Livengood, Elk Lick, Pa., and sisters in the flesh of the editor's wife, are visiting at Ashland. They will remain a few weeks and then leave for Pasadena, California, where they will make their future home.

We have on hand an interesting communication from Brother Holsinger. It will appear in next week's paper. We are glad to know that he and wife have returned home in safety and that his health permits him to prepare copy for the paper.

Since last report Brother Yoder has had seven accessions at Warsaw, three last Sunday. He is carrying four courses in Chicago University, goes to Warsaw every two weeks, and each week prepares excellent notes on the young people's topic for the EVANGELIST. We never heard him say that he was "tired."

Brother J. M. Olinger reports a very interesting and successful meeting in the home charge by the pastor, Brother Knepper. Eleven accessions. The fact that but six sermons were preached shows that Brother Knepper delivers the message of salvation faithfully at all times, and not during revival work only. A well prepared harvest is soon and easily reaped.

Sister Laura Slotter of North Ontario, Calif., is now at Columbiana, O., having taken advantage of the reduced rates to Pittsburg. Her mission in the east is mainly that of business. She will remain at Columbiana a number of weeks. Her son, foreman in the office, met her as she passed thro Mansfield, but had time only while the train stopped which was less than fifteen minutes. We trust Sister Slotter will make it a point to stop at Ashland, to visit her many friends here.

Following is a part of a private letter from Brother Ditch: "You shall not offend in the least if at any time you find my writings or any part of them unworthy of publication. Nothing but the best, and that which is food for the spiritual man should enter the columns of the EVANGELIST. I have all confidence in your judgment. I am not ashamed to place our paper into the hands of any minister of other denominations. It compares in every way very favorably with other church papers. I appreciate your efforts to make it better as are very apparent in the changes from time to time. Such changes are always pleasing to me." The brother has our thanks for these words of encouragement. They help one in an unfriendly world, and we assure our brother that his kindly feelings are much appreciated. Brother Ditch also speaks hopefully of the new field of labor which he has entered, and asks the prayers of God's people that he, the Lord may open great things for him.

## Brief Notes

The Christian should never be found without the Bible in his possession. Whether in Sunday-school, church, young people's service or on a journey, he should have the Bible with him. It is the word of God and no matter where he is what God has to say to him will be of interest.

The New York Voice puts it about right in this way: "The canteen sells only beer," says the defender of that institution. True, usually, but it is "only beer" that is responsible for the greater share of drunkenness, "only beer" that deprives thousands of homes of the comforts of life, "only beer" that